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SUBJECT: FIJI H1N1 UPDATE

REF: SUVA 00264

11. SUMMARY: Emergency Action Committee (EAC) Suva met on June 26, 2009, to discuss additional reported cases in-country of the H1N1 Influenza. END SUMMARY.

12. Doctor Salanieta of the Fiji Ministry of Health confirmed that four additional individuals have tested positive in Fiji for the H1N1 influenza, bringing the total to six. (See reftel.) SUVA's EAC met on June 26, 2009 to discuss the recent developments and discuss tripwires.

13. EAC members confirmed with Post's Health Unit (HU) nurse that the Mission has 200 doses of Tamiflu and that learned there are approximately 22,000 doses of Tamiflu in the possession of the Fijian Ministry of Health -- enough doses to supply approximately two percent or less of Fiji's population. These numbers do not reflect the doses sold at individual pharmacies around the country, the number of which is unknown.

14. The EAC agreed to distribute an additional reminder by the HU to Mission employees and family members about good practices, such as practicing proper sanitary procedures, avoiding large crowded areas, etc. The HU will also provide a class to employees' nannies and maids on sanitation. Additionally, the HU nurse will attend a class at the virology laboratory on the proper swabbing procedures used in gathering samples of potential flu candidates. This will allow her to visit at their residences Mission members who are presenting symptoms, to obtain a swab sample, and to deliver it for testing.

15. The EAC discussed possibilities and courses of action should the numbers of H1N1 cases sharply increase. EAC members agreed to convene again should a sharp increase of positive cases occur.

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